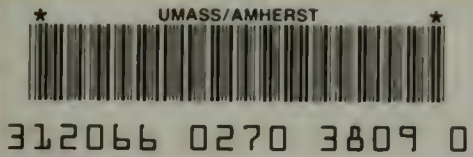


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A Report from the Office of Lt. Governor Evelyn F. Murphy

## Blueprint: 2000

The year 2000 is thirteen years away...in many respects, that is not a long time. We know from demographic data how many elderly people will reside in Massachusetts then, how many working aged adults, and how many children. Now is the time to consider directly and deliberately the quality of life we will pass on to these people.

On Inauguration Day, Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy announced Blueprint: 2000, the principle initiative of her office. Blueprint: 2000 is intended to articulate what Massachusetts will look like in the year 2000; what we want Massachusetts to look like in the year 2000; and, an action plan for getting us to the future we desire for the Commonwealth.

Jobs, transportation, energy, education, housing, health care, public finance, environmental protection...these are significant dimensions of life in the new century, and each will be analyzed in depth.

Equally important is the interplay among these sectors. For example, if we want to provide decent health care for all our citizens, it will require a certain level of employment and salary structure in our economy to finance such care. How many people will have to be working in Massachusetts to support health care for a rapidly expanding elderly community? And, if tax dollars from those workers pay for health care, what resources will be left to finance quality education for our children? These questions can be analyzed with existing data; they have important and fundamental implications for future public policy.

Blueprint: 2000 will examine the role of government, especially state government, in shaping the desired future of this state. What roles should and should not be played by state government; the relationship between state and municipal governments; and federal initiatives that would complement our efforts to create a better future.

One major point of departure from pro-

jects done by other states is Blueprint: 2000's focus on the family. We know that families look very different today than those we knew in the 1950's and 1960's. With the help of professionals and thinkers, we want to think first about what families, or configurations of people, will look like in the future; then determine what these family units will need in terms of jobs, health care, housing, etc. No other project has been undertaken with such a focus on people. Yet, we know such configurations of people in families, extended families, etc., determine housing unit needs, institutionalized or home based health care needs and the like.

Lt. Governor Murphy has entered into a memorandum of agreement with the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees which will provide for the use of the University's unique data base as a key resource. In addition, the Trustees will establish a special trust which will seek, accept, and administer grants from foundations, organizations, and individuals as necessary to fund the Blueprint: 2000 project.

The Lt. Governor is soliciting involvement from the Executive and Legislative branches, municipalities, businesses, public interest groups, unions, and citizens through the state.

Blueprint: 2000 is ambitious, action oriented and intended to draw on existing sources of data. Already, the Lt. Governor has contacted Boston Edison for data on electricity use; the Massachusetts Taxpayer's Foundation for its data resources; and, the University of Mass. Boston for its extensive modelling and data. All have indicated enthusiastic interest in participating.

No amount of funding can ever pay for the thousands of hours of advice and analysis we will get from those best able to guide us on housing, jobs, health care, the environment, etc. The Lt. Governor is seeking funds for a small support staff, four to five people, to provide back-up to an army of volunteer professionals.

This project will involve the participation of over 1,000 individuals. Under the leadership of committee chairmen, groups will



work throughout 1987 and 1988 on each of the specific issues that constitute major dimensions of life in the year 2000. Data will be gathered, analyzed and recommendations formulated for the state and regions within the state. Hearings to solicit citizen advice will be held throughout Massachusetts.

The product of Blueprint: 2000 will be a specific action plan with recommendations to the Governor and Legislature, including proposed legislation, suggested executive orders, policy guidelines and potential private initiatives. It is anticipated that accepted recommendations could be implemented as early as 1989 and 1990.

It is this activity that will set the state on its course during the last decade of this century and on a strong course for the 21st century.

For the next four years, Lt. Governor Murphy will personally be involved with Blueprint: 2000 on a daily basis. The Director of Policy, Christopher Scott will direct the staff for the project.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Blueprint: 2000 project, if you have questions concerning the project, or, if you wish to submit suggestions or resources to the project, contact Christopher Scott, at the Lt. Governor's office, (617-727-7200).

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## Message From The Lieutenant Governor:



Four months ago, I began my tenure as Lieutenant Governor. So much, both expected and unexpected, has transpired since then I thought it was a good time to assess what my office has done in that time.

On Inauguration Day, I said I intended to use the office of Lieutenant Governor to open new doors of opportunity for those who in the past had felt left out or left behind in government and society. Through public speaking events, constituent services, legislative initiatives and special projects, the work being done in my office is putting those words into action.

I also talked about undertaking Blueprint:2000 to determine the quality of life we want to pass along to Massachusetts citizens of the next century. What's more important, to put into effect a plan for achieving those goals. Blueprint:2000 is under way. People are responding enthusiastically; many are offering to advise and work on the project.

It has been an exciting time at the State House. Due to Governor Dukakis' decision to seek the U.S. Presidency, I have had the opportunity to serve as Acting Governor on a number of occasions. It has provided a tremendous experience acting on the Governor's behalf to coordinate disaster relief for victims of the Lowell Fire and April flooding across the state. I have gained valuable experience. It has also been an honor to fill in for the Governor issuing proclamations; working with his staff and cabinet; and, testifying before state and federal committees.

I appreciate the goodwill my office has received from the Executive Office, the Legislature and its leadership, and the many people who have volunteered time and energy to my office to make my first four months as Lt. Governor so rewarding.

## Public Speaking Events

In her first four months in office, Lt. Governor Evelyn Murphy has participated as keynote or guest speaker at 114 events out of the 800 invitations received from across the state.

March, 1987, was designated "Women's History Month" both nationally and in Massachusetts. The Lt. Governor addressed many groups of women of all ages and occupations on the need to become active on current political issues... "Dare to participate. Aspire to lead." That challenge was reiterated in speeches to the North Shore Women's Coalition in Beverly; the Massachusetts Women's Bar Association; the Mass. Federation of Women's Clubs; the Mass. Black Women Attorney's Association in Boston; the students at Sharon and Norwood High Schools, Nazareth Academy in Reading and Wheaton, Simmons and Regis Colleges.

The Lt. Governor underscored the need for more women in politics in speeches to the National Organization for Women; the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus; the Massachusetts Minority Women's Political Organization; and the Worcester Education Association.

Lt. Governor Murphy delivered the keynotes at Planned Parenthood's event on the "Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Decision" and at the American Society of Public Administrators National Conference on "Women, Equality, and the Constitution."

The Lt. Governor spoke on environmental issues at the Tufts New England Environmental Conference in Medford; and, at the National Ocean States Conference in Washington, D.C.

Balancing a healthy environment with a strong economy was the theme of speeches given at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce in Agawam; the Charles River Watershed Association in Newton; and at the Borderland State Park Annual Meeting in North Easton.

The future of health care and human services was the topic of the Lt. Governor's remarks to the American Medical Women's Association in Sturbridge; the Massachusetts Safety and Health Conference in Boxborough; the Human Services Forum in Chicopee; and, the National Nurse's Forum in Brockton.

Blueprint:2000 and the future of Massachusetts was a recurring theme in the Lt. Governor's addresses to the Black Corporate Presidents of New England in Boston; the Massachusetts Council of Carpenters in Cambridge; the Northrop Corporation in Mansfield; the Berkshire County Extension Service in North Adams; and, the New England Biotechnology Association in Boston.

The recurring themes in Lt. Governor Murphy's public appearances were: Economic Independence for Women; The Importance of Quality Educational Systems in Keeping a Strong Economy; and, Economic Development for Minorities.

The Lt. Governor also participated in the Administration's initiative "Bringing Down the Barriers of Opportunity" in forums in Boston and Methuen. The "Barriers..." project focuses on the issues of inadequate child support, adult illiteracy, teen pregnancy, school dropouts, and alcohol and drug abuse. ■

## Special Projects

In addition to her other duties and initiatives, Lt. Governor Murphy currently has three "special projects" underway.

### Minority Business Joint Ventures

The Lieutenant Governor is convening a series of meetings with members of the minority business community, in cooperation with the Black Corporate Presidents of New England. The project brings together minority businesses with established non-minority business firms to create business

partnerships of mutual benefit, and most importantly, to expand access of minority firms to new markets.

### School/Business Partnership Pilot Project

The Lieutenant Governor is initiating a pilot project in Woburn, Ma. which builds on the success of the Boston model in establishing mutually beneficial relationships between local businesses and the educational institutions in the Woburn area.

### Asian Cultural Center Project

The Lieutenant Governor is working with the MBTA and the Massachusetts Chinatown Planning Council for the development of a cultural facility on the site currently part of the Orange Line. ■



## Legislation

**L**t. Governor Murphy is actively supporting legislation she feels will ensure equal opportunity for all citizens.

To date, the Lt. Governor has testified favorably on the following bills pending before the legislature:

### House Bill 4412—An Act To Provide Child Care Linkage

Recognizing need for and shortage of affordable, safe child care available to working parents, the Lt. Governor is proposing incentives to developers to include child care in their developments.

### House Bill 2190—An Act Relative To Increasing Aid For Families With Dependent Children and General Relief Grants

The Lt. Governor believes that to eradicate poverty in the Commonwealth, we must invest in programs that provide routes out of poverty such as Employment Training and affordable housing.

But, for the poor to take advantage of

long term remedies, the state must provide for the necessities of daily survival: food, clothing, and shelter.

Because we do not now provide adequate assistance for poor families, overwhelmingly women and children, the Lt.



Governor supports legislative efforts to increase support levels.

In testimony, the Lt. Governor suggested that funding for increases could be in part found in increased child support enforcement.

The Department of Revenue is currently restructuring and expanding the child support collection system. They anticipate the collections will double over the next three years. The Lt. Governor believes the money collected should be used solely for support payments...welfare money for welfare children.

More aggressive enforcement of court ordered child support payments given back to welfare families would make significant advances in closing the gap in the Up-to-Poverty campaign.

### House Bill 5200—An Act Establishing Parental Leave

The Lt. Governor believes that the issues of parental and pregnancy leave are no longer "women's issues," they are family issues and economic issues that affect the families of the Commonwealth. Working parents need the stability and economic security provided by the legal right to parental leave with restoration of the same level of benefits, pay, and seniority when they return to their workplace.

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## Constituent Services

**S**ince taking office in January, Lieutenant Governor Murphy has received many requests from Massachusetts citizens for assistance and information on a wide range of problems and issues.

Susan Wood, who coordinates constituent services for the Lt. Governor, reports that 860 people have contacted the Lt. Governor since January 8th. Of those, 265 concerned policy and issue questions and 415 were specific requests for information and assistance in resolving problems.

The Lt. Governor's staff is working on housing problems, day care problems, workman's compensation problems, elderly health care problems, medicaid coverage problems, child support collection problems, and unemployment problems. Sometimes it has been a matter of just pointing someone in the right direction or providing the appropriate information to solve a problem. Other inquiries have required research and contact with state agencies to assist those in need.

In addition to staff, Lt. Governor Murphy's office uses student interns and volunteers. The time and energy these additional workers have donated has made it possible for the Lt. Governor's office to respond to the high volume of constituent service cases coming from people across the state. ■

## Governor's Council

**T**he Lt. Governor serves as Chair of the Governor's Council. Since taking office, the Governor's Council has voted to approve the following recommendations of Governor Michael S. Dukakis:

- Commutation of the sentences of three individuals convicted in 1973 of felony murder in connection with the death of Hakim Jamal. The three, who were present when Jamal was shot, had each served longer sentences than the person convicted of manslaughter for the actual shooting of Jamal. The commutation makes the three eligible for supervised parole.

- Judicial nominations of Catherine White and John Cratsley to the Superior Court, James O'Neil and Joseph Dever to the District Court, Luis G. Perez to the Juvenile Court, Salvator Paterna as Clerk Magistrate, and Louis C. Gallo and Rosalind Poll-Brooker as Administrative Judges.

In addition, the Governor's Council met on a weekly basis to approve the nominations of Justice of the Peace candidates, pardons for individuals as recommended by the Board of Pardons, and pending Treasury Warrants and Extra Work Orders. The council has also heard one Veteran's Appeal. ■

## Women Executives in State Governments

**W**omen Executives in State Governments is a national organization. Its membership includes elected and appointed women serving in executive positions in the nation's fifty state governments. Lt. Governor Murphy was active in this organization when she served as Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs and as Secretary of Economic Affairs.

This year Lt. Governor Murphy has been elected National Chairman of W.E.S.G. and is working with the Board of

Directors preparing for the groups annual leadership conference which will take place in Boston next fall.

W.E.S.G. activities provide an opportunity for women serving in executive governmental positions...Governors, Lt. Governors, Secretaries of State, State Treasurers, Auditors, Cabinet Secretaries and Commissioners...to meet for executive management training by peers. W.E.S.G. also provides a forum for discussing issues and exchanging ideas on government policy. ■



# Federal/State Relations

**L**t. Governor Murphy was asked by Governor Dukakis to oversee the Federal/State Relations Office of the Executive Department. The office has staff assigned to the Lt. Governor's office in Boston and in Washington, D.C. and is responsible for monitoring federal legislative and agency actions that impact on Massachusetts; working on proposals to the National Governor's Association; orchestrating efforts to secure federal disaster relief when needed by Massachusetts; tracking and analyzing the federal budget; and, working with the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation on legislative initiatives important to our state.

Over the past three months, the Lt. Governor has met with Cabinet Secretaries in Massachusetts to determine their priori-

ties for Congressional action or Executive programs in Washington.

The Lt. Governor and the Federal/State staff have been called upon to respond to and coordinate the relief efforts necessitated by the Fall River Fire, the Lowell Mill Buildings Fire, and the April Flooding situation statewide. The Lt. Governor met with local, state and federal officials affected by these disasters and coordinated efforts to obtain federal relief funds and state assistance.

In addition to crisis response, the Lt. Governor and the Federal/State staff have been monitoring federal legislation including the Federal Budget, the Highway Funding Package, and the hearings conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Lt. Governor is also interested in pending

federal legislation relating to Pesticides, Adult Literacy, AIDS, Clean Air and Pay Equity.

At the National Governor's Association meeting in February, the Federal/State staff developed the Welfare Reform policy and coordinated the initiation of the Task Force on Jobs and Competitiveness. They will play an ongoing role in the reports and recommendations of that Task Force.

Lt. Governor Murphy travelled to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, federal agency officials, and leaders of national organizations including the Congressional Clearinghouse on the Future and the National Audubon Society.

She recently delivered the keynote address to the Coastal States Are Ocean States Conference sponsored by the University of Delaware Marine Studies in Washington, D.C. ■

## Legislation

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### **House Bill 3172—An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Insurance Contracts**

The issue that compelled the Lt. Governor to testify once again in favor of Representative Mary Jane Gibson's bill, was that of discrimination; women should not pay more or less, receive more or less, because they are women.

In her testimony, the Lt. Governor noted that women are not asking for special treatment under the law, just equal treatment.

Insurers state that sex discrimination in insurance contracts is "fair" because it benefits women. The Lt. Governor believes that there is no such thing as "fair" sex discrimination, and that the existing discrimination practices of the insurance industry cause women economic harm, not economic benefit.

### **House Bill 3445—An Act To Make It Unlawful To Discriminate On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation**

The Lt. Governor supports this legislation that expands the purview of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to include incidents of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The issue involved in this bill is one of fairness and basic human rights. The Lt. Governor has joined the Governor and Attorney General in supporting this legislation because it seeks to insure equal protection under the law to all Massachusetts citizens.

### **Special Commission on Employee Involvement and Ownership**

The Lt. Governor testified before the Special Commission on Employee Involvement and Ownership in support of their efforts to bring business, government and union leaders together to build a better, more productive work climate in the Commonwealth. ■

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